

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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**HERE'S TO A NEW
YEAR FILLED
WITH PEACE AND
PROSPERITY,
HEALTH AND
HAPPINESS FOR
ALL!**

TOWN MEETING 2016

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

Town Meeting 2016 is just around the corner – look for more information about Town Meeting in the February Gazette.

Petitions for offices can be picked up at the town office, and are due back to the town office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016.

Voter backed petitions for articles are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016.

The last day to register to vote is Wednesday, February 24, 2016 by 5 p.m.

Offices open and up for election/re-election are:

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Grand Juror – 1 year term

Town Agent – 1 year term

Town Constable – 1 year term

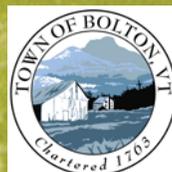
Town Moderator – 1 year term

Select Board – 2 year term

Select Board – 3 year term

Select Board – 2 years remaining on a 3 year term (correcting an error)

Please plan on joining your community at Town Meeting 2016. We will begin our meeting with our traditional community potluck dinner beginning at 5:45 p.m. at Smilie School – hope to see you there!



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER * TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
CLERKBOLTON@GMAV.T.NET

REAPPRAISAL VISITS ARE ON WINTER HIATUS

Due to Bolton's often times difficult winter access (but maybe not this winter?!), we are taking a short break in scheduling appointments for Bolton's rolling reappraisal. We will start calling in late winter to schedule appointments as we finish this reappraisal cycle in the spring of 2016.

WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The annual *Wheeler Trust Scholarship* application deadline is April 30th. Overseen by the Board of Civil Authority, this scholarship annually awards funds to 1 - 5 full time college students from Bolton. See the town website for information on applying for a scholarship (under Forms & Documents) and application form, or call the town office.

THANK YOU FROM THE MMU ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

Thanks come from the MMU Academic Boosters to the Bolton Store and Bolton Valley for their support of the 2015 - 2016 Honor Roll Rewards Program. This program recognizes the academic achievement of students who make the MMU honor roll by enlisting local businesses to offer free products or special pricing to those students. Many thanks to both the Bolton Store and Bolton Valley for their continued support of this program.

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PHOEBE WAITS FOR SNOW

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Wow, we sure have been having some crazy winter weather. Well, the crazy part is we haven't been having any winter weather at all! I really miss taking my snow baths! My humans say the only good thing about this winter so far is that they are hardly burning any wood in our woodstove, and that Eric, Corky, Wayne, and Dan don't have to be out plowing the town roads all the time. Do you know how many days it usually snows in Bolton, and how much snow we usually get in the winter?

Find out in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: I get my dog license and tag every year to help keep me safe. With my tag on my collar, humans know that I have been vaccinated against rabies (a terrible, contagious disease!), and if I get lost, someone that finds me can help me get home again.

Those are both really important things! Be sure to help your four legged family members be safe too, and get their 2016 dog license and tag by April 1st!



SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS



A small, talented group of students from Smilie School provided seasonal entertainment for the Annual Senior Holiday Dinner in December. Students and seniors alike joined in to sing many well known and loved Christmas carols. Following the singing, students were invited to stay and have a wonderful dinner with the seniors. Thanks to all the Smilie students for making a great evening even better!



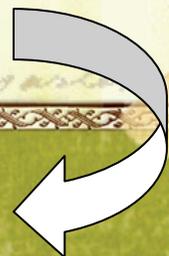
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Students at Smilie participated in the nationwide "Hour of Code" project last week. Students chose themed activities from *Star Wars*, *Angry Birds* and *Frozen*. Students learned how to fit commands together to make the person or object move and complete tasks. We had our technology staff on hand to help with any glitches  that might occur. Everything went smoothly and students were highly engaged!



Carol Devlin came in to talk with the students in Mr. Menz's and Ms. Cafferty's classes about the plans for Bolton's future. This discussion was similar to those that have been presented at several community forums recently. Mrs. Devlin shared a map that was used at those meetings that identified things that townspeople wanted to keep the same, modify and/or change altogether.



WILD GAME DINNER
VENISON, BEAR, MOOSE, WILD TURKEY & MORE!



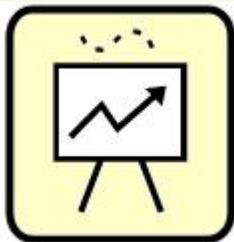
Dessert and beverage included!
Saturday, January 30th, 4 p.m. ~ 7 p.m.
Smilie School, Bolton

Hosted by the Lake Champlain Longbeards Chapter of the
National Wild Turkey Federation
LIMITED SEATING ~ RESERVATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

\$10 per person
\$5 for a child under 12
\$ 25 for a family of four

For reservations or more information call RON LAFRENIERE at 802-434-4274

Planning Commission Forum for Local Businesses on January 26, 2016



Do you own a business in Bolton? If so, join the Bolton Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 26 at 6pm at Smilie School for a discussion about how Bolton could be more business friendly. As we work on the economic development section of the 2017 Bolton Town Plan, we'd like your thoughts, comments and suggestions. What you would like to see in Bolton 10 years from now. How can Bolton attract and keep businesses? Are there changes we can adopt that would facilitate doing business in Bolton? How can we keep property taxes at a sustainable level? At the same meeting, we will start collecting information for a Bolton business directory. To RSVP or for more information, please call Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at 434-3064 ext. 221 or email Carol at assistbolton@gmavt.net.

Seniors and the 2017 Bolton Town Plan

If you're a senior living in Bolton, please join the Bolton Planning Commission on Saturday, February 6 at 2 p.m. for snacks and a discussion about how the 2017 Bolton Town Plan can benefit seniors. What do you like about being a senior in Bolton? What are the challenges? Are there ways the Town can support seniors and their caregivers? What would you like to see change? We want to hear your ideas! Your opinions will help us decide on priorities for our new town plan. To RSVP or for more information, please call Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at 434-3064 ext. 221 or email Carol at assistbolton@gmavt.net.

News from Camel's Hump Middle School
By Mark Carbone, Principal

Students from CHMS have been very busy with numerous activities during, and after school. Music students performed in the November District Jazz Festival. Teams Sequoia and Grit recently attended the International Festival at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds. During the Sixth Grade Geo Bee, after five rounds, Mr. St. Hilaire's homeroom sneaked past the parent group with .5 point lead! Congratulations to the CHMS Robotics Team, "Intelligent Plasticine Vehicles Inc." for their hard work in achieving the first place award for Robotic Programming at the FIRST Robotics Competition. The CHMS Robotics Team competed against 26 other teams during the event held at Norwich University in November. After school this winter, students have a number of choices: Bolton Valley Ski and Ride program, boys' and girls' basketball, Artist Inc., Minecraft Club, School of Rock, and even a program for budding magicians.

Camels Hump Middle School will again host hundreds of middle-schoolers and their families over two nights in celebration of winter and the youth's progress since September. Open house attendees will be treated to choral and band concerts as well as ice skating under the lights. Art work from all grades will line the halls of the school. Student projects will be in abundance throughout classrooms and in display cases. Open house gives students an excellent opportunity to share their accomplishments with family and friends. We welcome any and all community members to our open house.

Charlotte and Henry Moultroups came to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Camels Hump Middle School. The Moultroups generously donated acorn squash for the Farm-to-School program; the vegetable was one of many served up by the talented school chef and his team. In addition to the Moultroups, we have been fortunate to have vegetable donations from Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) and Jericho Settlers Farm for our Farm-to-School program. Thank you!

The next MMMUSD school board meeting will be held on January 6, at 6 pm at Mount Mansfield Union High School. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.



Our Community Cares Camp, Inc.

2015 was another successful season for Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) and the Leadership Adventure Camp (LAC). We had more campers, more counselors and more interns than ever! Of 102 registered campers, 23 were from Bolton. Also, two interns and one employee were Bolton residents. Highlights of the camp included:

- CliF Day – always a hit with the kids. Two new books for each child.
- Swimming at Alison’s – donated by Alison Anand
- Community Service week by the LAC – senior citizen luncheon
- Music program – ukulele, keyboard, drums with Buddy Dubay
- Marble maze challenge
- Acting out books
- Cooking for all age groups

OCCC addresses several essential needs including 1) supplemental nutrition in the summer, 2) enriching activities to help stem the summer academic slide, and 3) the opportunity gap by giving kids access to art, music, sports, cooking, gardening and strong community support. Research by people such as Robert Putnam, a Harvard Social Scientist; indicate that quality time with caring adults and access to enrichment activities will help children from less affluent families have more choices in life.

Our internship program is a great way for young teens to get a first “real job” experience. This summer we had eight former campers as interns and next year we hope to hire at least two former campers as counselors. Many younger campers look forward to the day when they can be junior counselors.

Here is some feedback from Bolton parents regarding OCCC:

“The OCCC staff went out of their way to help our son have successful time in their summer program. We are so thankful for their time and efforts!!!”

“As full-time working parents, we are grateful for the quality supervision OCCC provides while we are at our workplaces. YES, Our Community Cares Camp is a very important part of the summer for our family.”

Donations will be joyfully accepted to support OCCC. Mail your check to OCCC, P.O Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477 or donate online at www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org. Thank you for your support.

Pre-Kindergarten Opportunities in Mt. Mansfield Modified School District | Chittenden East Supervisory Union for the 2016-17 School Year
Residents of Bolton, Jericho, Huntington, Richmond and Underhill

CESU/MMMUSD
School District Central Office
211 Bridge Street
Richmond, VT

Mt. Mansfield Unified District (MMMUSD) and Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) are pleased to announce Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) opportunities for the 2016-17 School Year. These opportunities are available to residents of Bolton, Jericho, Huntington, Richmond and Underhill. In 2014 the Vermont Legislature passed a Universal Pre-Kindergarten bill ([Act 166](#)). This bill entitles all 3, 4, and 5 year olds (not attending kindergarten) to receive 10 hours per week, for 35 weeks, of publicly funded Pre-K. This education can be in any pre-qualified program which includes: school-based Pre-K, Private Community Pre-K, or Home Based Pre-K. If a child attends a pre-qualified Private Community or Home-Based Pre-K, \$3000 for tuition will be provided to pay for 10 hours per week and 35 weeks of Pre-K for the school year. If a child attends a School-based Pre-K, the program is free of charge.

To ensure funding for your child's private Pre-K or to enroll in a CESU school based option (offered at Brewster Pierce, Richmond, Smilie and Jericho Elementary Schools), parents/guardians should complete an enrollment form and return it to our school district (MMMUSD | CESU) central office in Richmond by January 30, 2016. You can download an enrollment form or fill one out online by going to <http://prek.cesuvt.org>. Enrollment forms can also be found at the CESU Central Office in Richmond or at any local elementary school.

Through a federal early childhood grant CESU is also offering a full day, **tuition free**, 5 day a week option for 4 year olds based on household income eligibility. These classrooms are located at **Richmond Elementary School** and **Jericho Elementary School**. To apply to one of these programs and to find more information about eligibility guidelines please visit our website at <http://prek.cesuvt.org>.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Lianne Petrocelli at CESU's Richmond office, (802) 434-2128 or email lianne.petrocelli@cesuvt.org.

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BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

After the holidays do you want to just relax and have dinner served to you? Then come join fellow seniors for dinner!

When: Thursday, January 28, 2016

Where: Smilie Elementary School

Time: 5:00 PM

Your RSVP is **REQUIRED** (so that ample Prime Rib can be purchased)!

Contact Doris at 434-3769 by January 24th



Menu: **Prime Rib**, baked potatoes, fixed vegetables, rolls and butter, and a light dessert

Donations are appreciated.



**GET YOUR 2016 DOG LICENSE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
A FREE 2017 DOG LICENSE**

The 2016 orange dog head tags (voted by the Smilie School students!) are in and we are ready to license your dog by April 1st. License your dog by April 1st, and you'll be entered into the drawing to win a free 2017 dog license, with the winner announced on April 2, 2016! A current rabies certificate is required for a license, the fee is \$12, and VT law requires licensing. There is no late fee, and we are happy to issue licenses by mail. Please contact the town office if you need more information, or get your license form (under Forms and Documents) from the town website: <http://boltonvt.com>

THANK YOU TO DARLENE AUTERY

A special thank you to Darlene Autery and volunteers for all their hard work in making the Bolton Holiday Senior baskets such a great success! Thank you!

BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th of the month for the following month's edition. Your submissions of any type and in any format are more than welcome!!! To **OPT IN** to receive the Bolton Gazette electronically and in color (help the town save \$ on paper and postage costs!) email boltingazette@gmavt.net

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She then asked the students if they could help out as well. After Carol's presentation, students worked in various groups to represent their views in specific areas. The groups represented were; **Recreation, Wildlife, Small Business and Wheeler Field**. Each group wrote a goal and created a "to do" list in order to achieve that goal. Afterwards, they created short Power Point projects which they presented to several community members. This was a great activity for students to get involved in government and to be active participants in Bolton's future. Thanks for including us Carol!

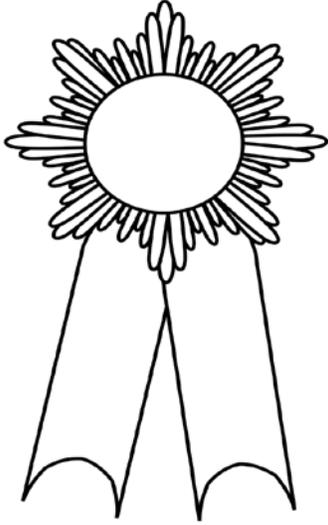


Carol and Smilie students were joined by CESU Superintendent John Alberghini, Assistant Superintendent Jen Botzojorns, Leslie Pelch, and Select Board members Sharon Murray and Jen Dudley-Gaillard.

"Spirit of Bolton" Art Contest

The Bolton Planning Commission is holding an art contest! Submit any kind of 2-dimensional artwork (e.g., photos, paintings, drawings) that captures "The Spirit of Bolton." All artwork will be displayed at Town Meeting, on the website and at Smilie and/or the Town Office. There will be two winners in each category. Winners will receive a prize and their work will be featured in the new Town Plan. Work will be judged in three age groups: Kindergarten-Grade 4, Grades 5-8, and High School/Adult. All artwork must be dropped off at the Town Office or Smilie School by **Thursday, January 28, 2016**. The Planning Commission thanks Arts' Mediums at 300 Cornerstone Drive in Williston for sponsoring this contest. The entry form is included in the Gazette. For more information about the contest, call Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at 434-3064 ext. 221 or visit BoltonVT.com/TownPlan or email Carol at assistbolton@gmavt.net .





Art Contest

All ages! All abilities!

All 2-D artwork that captures...

“The Spirit of Bolton”

Two prizes for each age group!

**Winners will have their art included
in the 2017 Bolton Town Plan**

Sponsored by Artists' Mediums at 300 Cornerstone Drive in Williston



Drop off this form with your art at the Town Office or Smilie School by Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Name (as you want it to appear on displays and publications):

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Title of Artwork:

Mailing Address:

Age Group (circle)

Kindergarten-4th Grade

5-8th Grade

High School/Adult

This is an original artwork created by the artist named above. I am a resident of Bolton. I give permission for my artwork to be displayed at Smilie School, at the Town Office, on the Bolton Town Website at www.BoltonVT.com and, if selected, in the 2017 Bolton Town Plan. I understand that town staff and volunteers will do their best to take care of my artwork, but that they are not responsible for any damage.

Signature of Artist

Signature of Parent/Guardian